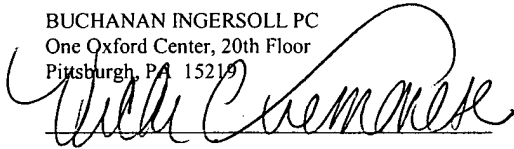


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Dear Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the period for the filing of the response to an Office Action in the above-captioned application up to and including August 4, 2003. A check in the amount of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) is enclosed as the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1).

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis M. Carleton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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